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Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims 23, 26, 29, 35, 40, 43, 44, 45, 50 and 52.

23. (Amended) A polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions with a polynucleotide according to claim 1.

26. (Amended) A vector comprising a polynucleotide according to claim 1.